

A report in this regard has appeared in the Indian Express newspaper (New Delhi edition) dated 28.12.2000.

(b) and (c) In investigations carried out by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence into the imports of concentrates by M/s Seagrams during Dec. 1994 to June 2000 a number of irregularities including *prima facie* undervaluation of concentrates have come to light. A detailed showcause notice has been issued in which they are alleged to have evaded customs duty of Rs. 37.96 crores. The show cause notice is in the process of adjudication. A complaint for prosecution has also been filed on 22.12.2000 and is being pursued before the jurisdictional court.

Impact of recent earthquake on economy

58. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the actual impact of the recent country-wide earthquake on the Indian economy;

(b) what is the total estimated loss that has been caused to economy in terms of money; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to neutralise this impact and to make the economy a growth oriented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) According to preliminary estimates as assessed by the Government of Gujarat, damage has occurred to personal properties, household properties, public utilities, public infrastructure and amenities, industrial and commercial establishments. The total loss of damage has been estimated at Rs. 20,875 crores as reported by the State Government. While the impact would be mainly on the State Government of Gujarat, any repercussion on the Indian economy can be absorbed by the economy.